

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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FRIDAY OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Lorena Cotton

Service opened, of course with prayers and praises, and as this day was for electing officers Brother T. S. Payne was set forth as moderator.

The Assembly unanimously chose Brother F. J. Lee as our General Overseer for the ensuing year. Brother J. S. Llewellyn, editor and publisher of our paper (The Evangel) and Brother J. B. Ellis as head of the educational department. Brother Payne then brought to the front of the platform, Bro. F. J. Lee. How the power of God fell on the audience, and the people rejoiced, shouted and talked in tongues. How God did set His approval on the act, and it surely did look as though it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us to have these three fill these three offices. Brother Lee, as soon as the rejoicing was over, gave a short talk of how he had never sought the position, but rather shrank from it, and when the Council had spoken to him about being our General Overseer, how he had prayed and how his wife had prayed about it. He even asked God to let him die rather than be set in this office if it was not His will for him to be there. Men all over the congregation praised God, some said audibly, God bless him. I shall never forget the look of humility that played over his face as he stood there. It seems that the office sought him, and God through the office sought a man to fill it as when he led the children of Israel out of Egypt. God had an office to be filled and he picked up Moses and put him into the office. He had made. Moses, of course was a fine leader until he disobeyed God; then God set him aside and placed Joshua in the office. God is the same today, and He is on the lookout for men who will obey Him.

Brother Lee spoke of how congenial he had always found Brother J. S. Llewellyn to be, there never having been the least jar between them. Bro. J. S. Llewellyn then spoke a few words of his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him; and then of how God had blessed the Evangel this year, enabling him to meet all the obligations, paying off all laborers for their work every pay day and had never had to borrow any money to do this.

Brother Lee in his talk spoke of God's blessings on the Evangel, and said that there had been more than a thousand subscriptions sent in this last month. How we praise God for the Evangel, and for Brother Llewellyn, the one that He has selected to fill this office. May God's richest blessings rest upon him as the editor of our paper: The Church of God Evangel.

Then Brother T. S. Payne said that as Brother Ellis was to speak to us on the Bible School he would not say anything of his being selected to fill the office of the educational department. These dear brothers did not seek these different offices, but God fitted them for them, and when His time came He put them in. How the power of God fell all over the congregation as Brother Payne called us to pray for them. Truly I believe with

all my heart that God set these men in these offices. So now our duty is to pray for them, and stand by them in every way. We are coworkers together with God. It seems that He is working through this Assembly as never before. Surely the Church is prospering, rising and shining. God is doing this and He will do it in spite of men or devils. Hallelujah! Glory! I'm glad I'm in the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. and Brother F. J. Lee as General Overseer.

Brother J. B. Ellis made a talk on the Bible School. This address will be given in the minutes verbatim. He then said that the ministers in the Church of God should know the right and stand for the right. No matter what man says, they should know the truth of God's Word and have backbone enough to stand for it. Thus we see the importance of a Bible School, that our young men and women may be prepared to preach God's Word; that they may be able to put the right material into this great building. For this work he has laid down his life. If it is impossible for you to come to the Bible School, you should study the Bible at home, and do every thing you possibly can to prepare yourselves to preach the Word of God. Then all who saw the need of a Bible School were asked to raise their hands, and from the response given from that large and attentive audience, it seemed they all saw it. The local churches were urged to help those who felt their call to the ministry, but were not financially able to attend, and they would be doing a good work.

Then Brother Lemons gave a short talk about the Executive Committee, (which was much enjoyed by all) stating that we are free and have gotten where we can do something for God. He also showed the importance of going to the Bible School, learning God's Word, and then spreading out into new fields.

This was followed by T. S. Payne on The Model Church. He took for his text 1 Cor. 1:2. First he dwelt on the importance of having all the gifts of the Spirit. Jesus set them in the Church, therefore we should see to it that we come behind in no gift. He then spoke of Christ not being divided. The Church of God is His body and the Church of God is not split; and the Church of God is not dependent upon man, nor any set of men, but it is built on Christ. As the gifts were in the Church in the beginning, they should be manifested in these last days. Jesus set them in the Church and gives them to those whom he can trust. Paul says for us to covet them earnestly. The Model Church, he spoke of so wonderfully, can be no other than the Church of God. He said all the troubles that have ever come in the Church of God have come through carnality. 1 Cor. 3:3, 9. "And that people who hold on to God have more than a milk experience." He said that if we began to make much of our present General Overseer, instead

of God he would object, and oh, how the power of God fell on the people, showing God's approval. God is able to raise up men and empower them for the place He calls them to, so it is not some smart man but God. Then he showed the importance of doing things as God has ordered them to be done. Through Paul God has said, purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, and if any body asks you about the Assembly, tell them it was a new lump. Those who split off from the Church in the beginning were no part of the Church, and John says, that it might be made manifest that they were not of us. Jude 11 says, woe unto them for they have gone in the way of Cain, and the way of Cain was to kill his brother, and they try to kill all who do not follow them, and have run greedily after Balaam for reward.

The power fell in a marvelous way. The spirit of unity and love was wonderfully present throughout the whole day. Not a jar or discord was felt; it was wonderful to be there.

The afternoon service began with prayer and praises, Brother J. S. Llewellyn gave us an address on the unity of the Spirit. Eph. 4:3 also Psa. 133 speaks of the unity of the Spirit, and we sure have realized the blessedness of it during this Assembly. Such love, unity and glory is inexpressible, yea beyond human tongue to tell; it is better felt than told.

He then spoke of the awfulness of disunion, and how terrible its consequences. God does not work where there is dissension or a cross in the spirit; but if we want Him to work we must let love and unity prevail. This lack of unity of spirit is effecting the missionary work in heathen lands, for the heathen after hearing the missionaries of different creeds preach, and see their lack of love and unity, decide there is nothing to it, and that none of them are right.

Unity on paper don't amount to anything; but it must be unity of the spirit that effects the life, that is the unity that brings results from God, causes Him to smile on us, counts in His service, and has been so great in this Assembly: causing us to shout, leap, run, and wave our handkerchiefs. It certainly has been wonderful and glorious beyond human tongue to tell. God has wonderfully set His approving smiles on this Assembly. It certainly has been not only good to be here, but grand and glorious! Bless His dear name.

Some have said the Church of God is gone; it is dead. But God is back of it, in it and all around it: it is just as impossible for the Church of God to die, as for God, Himself to die.

Christ said, "Upon this rock I will build my Church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The Church of God is God's government, given by God for His children while traveling through this world; she is the body of Christ, Hallelujah! As Brother Llewellyn spoke of the glory this unity brings how the power fell, and it seemed that Brother Llewellyn was just waiting in the Spirit and how all rejoiced and waved their handkerchiefs for very joy.

The Church of God does not depend on you, or me, nor any body else, but we are dependent on Christ and His Church. Above all we exalt the Christ who brought peace and joy into our hearts and cleansed us with His blood; and after His resurrection He went back to the

Father and sent the blessed Holy Ghost, that we might have this wonderful peace in its fullness and have power that the Holy Ghost alone can bring. We don't want to rule the Holy Ghost, as some accuse us of, but we want to so yield to Him that He can rule us. It is wonderful how God has helped man to stay out of the way and let the Holy Ghost rule in everything. Well! let come what will, it is an honor to suffer shame for His name down here, and He says that if we suffer with Him we shall reign with Him. We want the glory over there, if it does call for suffering reproach down here.

After singing and praying Brother M. W. Letsinger gave an address on "Go Forward" taking for a Scripture lesson, Ex. 14, 15. He told how God took care of Moses, then told his own experience. When he first cast his lot with the Pentecostal people, his own people turned their back on him, but God took care of it. He then told how God took care of Moses when the King of Egypt had commanded that all the baby boys should be killed as soon as they were born. His mother must have seen something unusual about him that caused her not to fear the wrath of the king, but she had faith to hide him; and when she could hide him no longer, she made an ark and placed him out on the river among the flags. Pharaoh's daughter saw the ark as she went to the river to bathe and sent her maids to bring it. When she opened the ark Moses cried and it touched her heart, and God worked it out that his own mother was employed to nurse him till he was weaned. He was reared in Pharaoh's house, and had the advantage of the best education that Egypt could afford. But when he came to years he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. After Moses made the mistake of taking things into his own hands he had to flee for his life into the land of Midian, but God took care of him; and prepared him for leading his people out of Egypt, since he had learned the lesson of waiting on the Lord. God so marvelously brought them out of Egypt and showed them his loving favor at the Red Sea, and then told them to "Go forward."

He said that after the dark cloud of trouble arose at headquarters he was much disturbed on account of conditions there, but since then he turned all over to God and became settled, so he is now going forward.

That "Go ye" spirit has taken hold of us, the spirit of unity and love has taken hold of us as never before, and so we mean to press the battle to the gates. Hallelujah!

Sister (Shepherd) Taylor from California was not here when her state was called, so was given an opportunity to report for her state. She was greeted with cheers from the congregation. She made a strong plea for workers for California. She came with a determination to take back helpers and was not disappointed for Brother J. A. Brown was appointed state overseer and is to be on the field soon.

Sister Taylor gave a very interesting account of the state in general and told how they were needing workers, pastors and evangelists to evangelize the great state of California. At the close of this message hearts

MONDAY OF THE ASSEMBLY

Mrs. S. A. (Shepherd) Taylor

All year it has seemed an impossibility for me to attend the Assembly and I had not planned to come until on Sunday before it convened on Wednesday. The home Church in Baldwin Park, California where I have labored and pastored for two years, thought they must be represented and California's needs put before the Assembly in person. They insisted that I was the one to come. I have only been married three weeks, and naturally did not want to leave home and let the continent roll between my husband and myself, but my motto has always been, "Duty first," so I submitted. 'Twas a hurried preparation of a few hours, and I soon started on my long journey. 'Twas a long, long one, tedious and tiresome, but at last on Thursday at noon we rolled into Cleveland. When I arrived at the Auditorium I found they had called the states before my arrival, and no one was present to represent California. I was sorry to have missed a part of the Assembly, but doubly so to have missed the call of the states after I had crossed the continent for this very hour. When Brother Lee learned of my arrival he arranged for me to give a talk, and I was glad to tell of sunny California and her

were stirred for the missionary work.

The night service opened with praise, and prayer over quite a number of handkerchiefs and for the sick. Quite a number were healed. Brother Zeno Tharp delivered a sermon taking for a text the last three verses of the 91st Psalm. He said, if we ever expected to amount to anything for the Lord, we must be prepared for anything we are called on to do for Him. This chapter is full of the promises of God and we are bound to believe they are true; and that they were written for us and show God's willingness to help us. The "I will" or "I will not" has often sealed the destiny of men, or women.

He said, one who stands in the pulpit needs to be full of truth from head to foot, and if our lives are not full of love, truth and power we will not be able to win souls to Christ. God will deliver us from everything that is in our lives that keeps us from being what He would have us be. If we just have a spark it keeps us busy all the time blowing to keep it from going out. God wants to deliver us from this condition.

God has promised deliverance in time of trouble. It means a lot to lean on God in time of trouble, and in sickness. God says, "I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Of course I can't write all the good things that were done this day, but these few things are written that you dear ones who could not come may read.

The altar was full of seekers after the sermon and some were saved, some sanctified and many filled with the Holy Ghost.

This has been a glorious day. It can't be described. This is the most glorious Assembly we have had for years. There is no friction, but God has wonderfully worked. Bless His dear name!

Let's all be true to God; true blue Church of God material at any cost.

noble Church of God band.

How thankful I am for the privilege of attending this Assembly, and it has meant much more to me than I can express. Oh the joy of meeting old friends and fellow laborers, and feel the warm hand clasps and hearty "God bless you," and hear the thousands of voices saying in unison, "Praise God."

I was asked to write an article for the Evangel and to tell of the Assembly as I saw and heard it. I shrank from the task for I knew it to be a matter of impossibility, for who could tell of anything half so wonderful as this has been to me. I have not heard a Church of God man or woman (except myself) preach for twelve months, and I will leave it to your imagination to conjecture how I feasted and drank in the many good things I have heard. But the most indescribable thing to tell is the blessed unity and sweet fellowship. I know every reader has at some time in life had a wonderful dream or vision, or seen some lovely scenery they tried to describe to others, and could never find words to convey the picture that lived in their own memory, to the mind of others.

Just so with the 18th Annual Assembly. 'Twill always linger in our memory as one of our sweetest recollections, but we will never be able to describe it to others. These things must be felt to be appreciated. I have attended eleven Assemblies, but never in my life have I felt such a blessed presence of the Holy Ghost, such a heavenly atmosphere, such fragrance from the glory world as I have felt in this Assembly. There has been such a blending of hearts and souls. It must have been born in heaven and conveyed to us by the blessed Dove of Peace, the Holy Ghost. If there has been the very least particle of friction or any jar of any kind I have failed to detect it. I heard hundreds of people express themselves, and they all said this was the nearest to being ONE of any body of people or any gathering they ever attended.

How blessed to meet the hundreds of old soldiers from the battlefield, and the dear children of my husband's labors, and my own. Such greetings. How my heart swells at the memory.

Many things can never be told, but the Orphanage program was unusually interesting and it touched every heart present, as the dear little motherless ones came marching in to take their places on the platform there was a sob in every throat, a tear in every eye.

I was asked to write especially of Monday's program. Every day was full of interest, but I was glad they gave me Monday. Tho' it was slowly raining and a soft mud covered the ground, the crowd did not abate and the large Auditorium was packed. The days program began with reading the report of the Foreign Mission committee by Brother Z. D. Simpson. He said the money given to Foreign Missions for the past year only averaged 4 cents per member. I think every head bowed in shame.

Brother Fred Rider, a returned missionary from South America gave a short talk and

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIAL

W. T. Akin of Harriman, Tennessee informs us that he expects to engage in General Evangelistic work. Those desiring his service may write him.

M. S. Lemons of this city, who has spent years in the evangelistic field will accept calls for evangelistic work.

T. S. Payne is expected to travel this year in the general interest of the Church. He will take pleasure in assisting the state overseers in any part of their work that they may have need of his services. Any one desiring to get in touch with him, may write the General Overseer, F. J. Lee of this city.

We are delighted with the way the subscriptions and renewals have been coming in and the noble work done by our ministers and workers in soliciting subscriptions for the Church of God Evangel. We are advised that it would be well to continue this special club rate

for a short time, with the hope that every minister and worker will make a special effort in this great campaign to increase the circulation of the Church of God Evangel. Be sure and get busy at once and send in a big roll of subscriptions while this special club rate continues.

We are delighted with the interest manifested the last few months in the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home. The Orphanage Committee now feels that it would be well to open up new additional quarters for the Children's Home and thereby be able to consider any worthy applicants. This additional work will necessitate a great interest throughout the churches in order that we may be able to take up this additional work and expense. God is blessing in this work in a wonderful way. The children are receiving the very best training.

Don't forget the orphan left alone.

An Exhortation

Dearly Beloved in the Lord—Greetings in Jesus Precious Name:

I wonder how many fasted and prayed for the Spirit to have full control of the Eighteenth Annual Assembly at Cleveland, Tenn.

I thank God that I am feeling gloriously good as I obey those that have the rule over me, and want to say a few words by way of encouragement to some who may be undecided or unstable.

You know, dear ones, there are some wonderful experiences just ahead of us, and these experiences will bring joy to the humble child of God, but dismay and terror to the unsaved. To us the fulfillment of every prophecy means that our deliverance from this world is rapidly approaching, with the return of our blessed Saviour, for whom we are looking and praying; and the closing of the door of mercy to the millions of unsaved.

The picture as portrayed in Revelation of the tribulation period is enough to make each of us more determined than ever to live close enough to God that we may have part in the rapture: that we may hear the words "Come—enter thou into thy chambers—hide thyself—

until the indignation be overpast." Then Satan with all his infuriated demons can surge around us, but—Glory to God—we are secure in the presence of our Saviour. Can we afford to miss it? I say emphatically, No.

Had you ever thought, dear ones, that it is possible that you may be disobeying the first verse of the first Psalm by standing in the way of sinners? That is by walking and talking—talking mainly—in a way that might tend to lead sinners from God instead of to Him. How hard, seemingly, it is to control the tongue. How we should strive, pray, beg God to seal our lips, to keep the tongue wholly sanctified to His service that we may never utter a word in levity or any manner not to the glory of God—wholly consecrated to His will. Do we say things that carry an inference that they should not?

Do we see with the eyes things we dare not put in words? Listen, beloved this is getting down to rock bottom, but have you thought that if we let the Spirit of Christ rule in our lives we will be like Him, and if we are like Him we will go where He is; and if we have not the Spirit of Christ we are none of His; and the Spirit of Christ was

one of charity, kindness and humility.

Perhaps we are thoughtlessly doing, or saying things that sinners are watching and know is not right hence, "Standing in the way of sinners." No honest hearted sinner wants to go into the Church and try to live right, with people whom they can see and know are not living up to the doctrine they preach, for they know they are hypocrites. Certainly sinners, after they repent, want to get into the Church to get away from the fellowship of sinners. Are you standing in the way of sinners, or can you say as Christ and Paul said, "Follow me," and "Be ye followers of me," etc.? Paul followed Christ to crucifixion. I feel safe in following either. Don't you?

Lets do so. The time is soon coming when we will wish we had. Prayer and deeds is the only way to attain to this perfection.

Read Brother Lee's "Book of Prophecy" and see how much it will help you. Study it and see how much more it will help to strengthen you.

Pray for me that I may do something for the souls of sinners.

May God bless all of His people everywhere is my prayer.

Humbly your brother under the blood.

M. L. Sanders,
Oldsmar, Fla.

Oh For a Closer Walk With God

I praise God because I am a member of the Church of God. I believe in its teachings and also believe in people practicing what they teach.

The Lord has done many wonderful things for me, but the way is not all sunshine. We must have our shadows and showers. The enemy is against us but His blood bought children are going on to victory.

The reason the trouble has come to the Church is, that some one got their eyes on the things of the world and off of Jesus.

As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus he could walk on the water but when he began to look at the waves he sank. Just so with us. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus.

Oh, friends, this is a dangerous time. "In the last days perilous times will come." Oh for a closer walk with God, so that when troubles arise we can look to Him for help.

Brothers and sisters, we are on the road to perfection. Let us speed up a little if possible. Oh, I get in a real big hurry sometimes. The King's business demands haste. But let us not get ahead of the Spirit, for when we do, things go wrong.

Let us remember, when the sons of God came to present themselves, Satan came and presented himself also, and told them he had been walking up and down in the earth. He is still in the same business, seeking whom he may devour. It seems to me as I write these lines, I can see him hurrying around, for he knows that his time is short. So we too should hurry or he will defeat us. He is cunning, wise and deceitful.

I feel the call on me to preach the gospel. I have been preaching occasionally for about six years, but I feel that the Lord wants me to give Him my full time. I feel that there is a little place for me to fill. I have tried to get around this but the more I try to get around it the more condemned I feel. I have been brought almost into the cold jaws of death because I would not yield to Him.

I have one child who has the baptism. I have three children in all. I am a true wife and mother but I feel an urgent call on me to preach.

Please pray for my healing. I am badly afflicted with rheumatism and other troubles. I am out on the promises of God, trusting Him for both soul and body.

Drusilla Lott, Scotland, Ark.

Burden for Lost Souls

Today finds me still in the holiness way, and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I feel so burdened for lost

souls, and I wonder what more I can do for Jesus.

Oh God have mercy. I can see so many going down in sin, so many backsliding and going back, that I realize the Scripture is being fulfilled which says, "There must first come a falling away." Truly I believe it. It's a sifting time.

The dear Apostle Paul tells us to "Put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." "Above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Eph. 6:11, 12, 16, 17.

Let us watch and pray and strive to be overcomers and endure unto the end.

Jesus is coming back to earth again for His Bride, and if we are not ready to go with Him we must face that awful time of tribulation which is coming upon the whole earth to try them.

Keep your eyes on Jesus every day.

It matters not what the people say;

If you'll only look to Him, He will keep you from all sin.

Keep your eyes on Jesus every day.

I believe if we feed on God's Word and pray as we should, God will keep us true and filled with the Spirit even though we are separated from the saints of God.

Our little church here is in need of a good revival and some one to shepherd the flock. I lie awake at night and shed tears because the saints seem to be getting careless and unconcerned. Who will be held responsible for this? Will you? Will I? Let us pray for new strength and courage to come to the ministers, that they may be able to do more for the Master.

Oh to think of the many who are drifting out in sin, knowing not the way. Jesus says, "I am the way." His way was the holiness way. He was filled with the Holy Ghost, and had no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Are we living that way? If not, let us go to praying. I wish I could preach, I would go and keep going, just like Paul, Peter, and John. Time is so short. I am so thankful for what little I can do. Let us pray earnestly for the upbuilding of the Church of God and for lost souls.

Dora Allison,
Tippo, Miss.

God's Promise Fulfilled

On one bright and happy morning,

In a country far away;
Came some people out rejoicing,
And went down on their knees to pray.

On the shores of chilly Wales,
As God's power began to descend;
Came a voice, saying softly,
This is Him, I said I would send.

Some say we are fanatics,
And don't know what we say,
But God knows all about it,
So we'll go on in the old fashioned way.

I don't see any reason,
Why some people do object,
For folks to talk to Jesus,
In this wonderful dialect.

For Paul has plainly told us,
That he who speaks in tongues;
Speaks not to man for glory,
But to Him from whom the power comes.

So let us say in conclusion,
To every creature here;
Get your temple swept and garnished,
Seek the Holy Ghost, for He is near.

J. A. Bixley,
1408 Reed St., Eldorado, Ill.

Formal Opening of The Bible School, Monday November 12, 1923

Leah Lemons

A large number of enthusiastic Bible students quietly assembled in the school room this morning. The eagerness to study the Word of God seemed to have brought them all there for that one purpose.

Many of the students have made great sacrifices to attend school. Many have relinquished their business positions, some have left the field of gospel labor, and many others have left their comfortable homes to study and qualify themselves for more efficient service for the Lord. Every one has made some sacrifice for this essential preparation for future usefulness.

The Lord marvelously and sweetly opened the way for a number of the students to attend school, and depend on others for support. God has talked to the hearts of some of His servants and caused them to give a part of their savings to be used in this way of advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ. All students receiving these benefits and blessings seem very grateful, and also are very anxious to prove their sincerity by bringing in sheaves some future day.

Brother M. S. Lemons had charge of the opening exercises, which consisted of a few good songs, the reading of the 15th Psalm and the recitation of many Bible verses by the students, and also the visitors. Brother Lemons has a great interest in the Bible students of today and is glad that they have many advantages of which he and his fellows were deprived.

Brother J. B. Ellis, who is the

instructor, spoke to his audience in a way that made them all feel better acquainted with him, and he aroused a greater respect for himself as the instructor of the eager classes of students. He assumed this responsibility with enthusiasm. His undivided time, his whole talent and whole soul have been invested in this noble Christian work, and how could it be anything less than a success? That is what it shall be.

Brother F. J. Lee's short address made each student feel his need of Bible knowledge and not only knowledge, but the application of it. "The Word is our commander." He gave a figurative illustration of the engine without a commander. So would we appear and be without a knowledge of God's Word.

He encouraged all, as Timothy once said, to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

Some of the older students expressed their joy for the privilege of reentering the school and many of the new ones expressed their joy for the privilege of entering for the first time, into the school of all schools where God's Word is the most prominent subject for study, meditation and consideration.

Forty students enrolled for the first day. Others will be coming in later.

"No man is uneducated who knows the Bible, and no man really is educated who does not."

sweet in my soul with victory and love.

The following verses express my sentiments:

Give me words of kindness,
Give me words of truth;
Give me words for Jesus,
For Him that I may use.

I'll suffer for King Jesus,
In this world below;
I'll sing His wondrous praises,
Everywhere I go.

If you will listen I'll tell you
Why I love him so;
He saved my soul from a burning hell,
And from this world below.

I love Him better now
Than any one I know;
Because He sanctified me,
And gave me the Holy Ghost.

When people talk about me,
And say I am a fool;
I only think of Jesus,
And His golden rule.

I love His Church and people,
His Word and all;
He keeps me by His power,
And will not let me fall.

I love in the good old Bible,
How He died for you and me;
On the cross of Calvary,
On that cruel tree.

If you will come to Him poor sinner,
Counting up the cost;
He will save you from all sin,
And cleanse you from all cross.

Oh the cross where Jesus died,
And the cruel people pierced His side;
Is enough to make me,
Want to cross the tide.

G. M. Owens,
Ware Shoals, S. C.

Appointment of District Overseers for Tennessee

Chattanooga, Zeno Tharp
Copper Hill, J. A. Tarpley
Dayton, M. W. Ricketts
Harriman, Perry W. Haddock
Hiwassee, Frank Green
Jellico, Starling Smith
Johnson City, I. H. Brabson
Knoxville to be supplied
McMinnville, J. C. Jernigan
Memphis to be supplied
Morristown, J. C. Underwood
Mt Olive, Walter Hindman
Nashville, T. A. Richard, pastor
Sequachee, H. B. Helton
M. W. Letsinger, Overseer of Tennessee.

State Assembly of West Texas

The State Assembly of West Texas was held at Weatherford, Oct. 12-14.

Representatives began to come in the day before the Assembly started. Brother H. N. Scoggins, our state overseer, was one among the number and the following night he brought a wonderful message which did us all good.

By the time the Assembly started there were quite a number present from the different churches, and they just kept coming in spite of the hard rain. As the rain began to fall on the outside, the latter rain began to fall on the inside.

The Assembly opened on Friday night, with a welcome address by Brother Geo. Asher and wife.

After these addresses Brother Melvin Drake brought the message, which was edifying and enjoyed by all.

Services opened Saturday at 1:30 P. M. with music and songs, followed by a wonderful healing service. One received the Holy Ghost when she was healed. Many others received their healing and there was much shouting and dancing. Then about 2:30 P. M. Brother Tom McLendon brought the message which was certainly enjoyed. In his message he spoke especially of folks who would not get in the Church, and would hang around all kind of meetings, making him think of an old back alley garbage grabber, nosing around in every one's garbage can to get a little bite to eat.

After this service we all decorated our cars, took our banners and paraded the streets to the court house. We then parked our cars and marched on foot around the square with singing, music and beating the drum. With our banners hoisted high, we stopped at the corner of the court house lawn and had a wonderful service. Brother Jeff Wood preached a wonderful sermon on Who is This? Then we all came back to church.

The night services opened at 7:30 with music, singing, fiery testimonies and much shouting. Brother Anthony from the plains, brought the message. His subject was, Doing Business for God. It was certainly a feast to all.

We met again Sunday morning at ten o'clock and opened the service with songs that seemed like heaven. The rain was still falling on the outside and inside too.

The churches from different places were represented with banners. The Ranger Church was first on the program. Their song was, "Beautiful Rainbow." Then Brother Winegar spoke concerning the work there. They had thirteen representatives. The next Church represented was the Thurber Church. They sang Cloud and Fire. Brother Woodall was their speaker. They had nineteen representatives.

Dallas Church was next. They sang, I Want to Be Ready to Go. They had twelve representatives. Sister Edwards spoke for the work there.

Mt. Vernon Church or better known as Cherry Hill came next. They sang, The Message of His Coming. They had twelve representatives. Brother Jeff Hoover spoke of the work there.

Paris Church was next. They sang, Some Glad Day After While. They had five representatives. Brother Holcomb was their speaker.

Ladonia Church was next. They sang, Praise Divine. Brother Kiser spoke for the Church there. They had five representatives.

Weatherford Church was next. They sang, I have Started for God's Kingdom. Brother Baker spoke for Weatherford. They had forty-six representatives.

Lone Elm was next. They sang, Saved and Sealed. Brother Frank Brown spoke for the Church there. They had two representatives.

Lanier Church was next. They sang, Jesus Says If You Go I'll Go With You. They had two representatives. Brother Oscar Davis was their speaker.

Lubbock Church was next,

with one representative. Brother Geo. Anthony spoke and represented the Church and work out there. It was so far and weather so bad they could not come from there.

We dismissed for dinner. It was still pouring down rain, and they had to pile up the seats and make room to spread dinner in the house. We had three long tables clear through the house and some remarked that it was so crowded we could hardly tell whose mouth we were feeding. But I am sure they got what they were looking for, for the good sisters had prepared most everything heart could desire.

When we were through feasting of the good things the sisters had prepared, we came together again at 2:30 and the dear Lord spread us another table and it seemed that some would never quit eating. Oh, glory! It was wonderful! The music and the singing was so heavenly.

Brother Geo. Asher brought the message for the evening service, which was real inspiring, especially to those who love to obey God's Word, and pay Him what they owe Him.

At 7:30 we met for night service. It was still pouring rain on the outside and God's blessings were still pouring on the inside. As usual the music and singing were beyond what tongue can tell. Feet got happy and had no way to tell it but to dance, hands got happy and had to let it be known by clapping, and as Paul said, "Moreover my tongue was glad," and they just began to speak in tongues for it truly was unspeakable and full of glory. We had some more good fiery testimonies and Sister Mae Davis brought us a short message, which we all enjoyed. Then Brother Jeff Wood brought the closing message, subject, gospel of the kingdom, which was certainly enjoyed by all.

Then came the sad time of it all, that was the separation. But yet it made us look forward to a glad day after while, where there will be no sad parting nor tears to dim the eyes. We all left, determined to do more for God than ever before.

Yours truly in the battle for Jesus,

Mrs. Della Asher,
Weatherford, Tex.

Let's Strive to Win a Crown

Dear Evangel Readers and Saints Scattered Abroad:

I just want to sound a note of praise this morning for what the Lord has done for me. I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost—the Comforter which still abides this morning. Praise His name!

I am a member of the dear old Church of God and abide by her teachings. There are a few saints here at Navoo, who are standing for the clean thing. I feel more determined than ever before to go all the way. I see the need of living closer to the Lord. Let us strive to do more for the Lord. He says His grace is sufficient, so let's stay true, for the promises are to the ones who hold out to the end. I want to be among the despised few who will win a crown. Pray for me. Your sister in Christ,

Bertha Cagle,
Navoo, Ala.

IN MEMORY OF MILLER

On Oct. 26, 1923 the death angel entered the home of Mr. Lish Miller and claimed their darling baby boy, Carl Lee, age two months and fifteen days. He was only a sweet flower who budded here on earth to bloom in heaven.

He leaves to mourn a father, mother, grandmother and a host of friends.

The Lord gave and hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

A friend,
Francis Adams,
Tate, Tenn.

JOHNSON

On Sunday Oct. 14, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson of Gardner, Fla. and claimed their oldest daughter, Delores, age 13 years, 5 months and four days.

She had all the attention that loving hands could give, but

God knew best and called her home. Before leaving us she spoke words of encouragement to those present. To see Delores was to love her, for she had a smile for all she met, and won friends wherever she went. Even the colored people loved her and came to see her.

There are a lot of young girls at Gardner who have a bright future, and they can see Delores again if they will live true to God.

She leaves to mourn a father, mother, three sisters, grand parents, relatives and a host of friends. But we mourn not as those who have no hope, for we sure believe she was prepared to go.

The funeral was conducted by the writer and her body was laid away in the Gardner Cemetery to await the resurrection.

The loved ones have our sympathy and prayers in their bereavement.

One who loved her.
L. A. Ford.

SCHUCK

The death angel visited the home of brother and sister Schuck and claimed their darling baby girl, Ella. She was born Sept. 10, 1922, and departed this life Oct. 11, 1923.

She was such a sweet baby, everybody loved her so much; but Jesus loved her best and called her home to be with Him.

She leaves father, mother and four sisters to mourn her death.

The funeral was conducted by Brother L. G. Rouse and her body was laid to rest in the Willow Cemetery to await the great resurrection morning.

Our darling came as a sunbeam among us, But oh, her stay was so brief; One day she was taken from us, Filling our hearts with grief.

Her face was like the sunshine, Ever displaying a smile; She left us, oh, so lonely, We miss her all the while.

God took her home to heaven, He claimed her for His own; She is free from all life's sorrows, No more in sin to roam.

We hope some day to meet her, We'll wait the boatman's call; To bear us over the river; Where a shadow never falls. Mrs. Mable Florence, Toledo, Ohio.

VARWIG

Edna P. Varwig, wife of Clifford Varwig was born in Gillespieville, Ohio. Jan. 10, 1899; departed this life at Marietta, Ohio. Oct. 14, 1923. Age 24 years, 9 months and 4 days.

She had been in failing health for almost one year. She was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost with Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. She was a member of the Church of God at Marietta, Ohio, being faithful in attendance as long as her health permitted. She left a bright testimony behind, that she was going to heaven to be with Jesus where there is no more sorrow pain nor sickness. She bore her sickness with patience and when death came she was ready to go. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and three children: Edna Pearl, age 4 years; Grace Anna, age 3 and Francis Willard age 11 days; also a father and mother of Gillespieville, Ohio; seven sisters and five brothers. A brief funeral service was conducted at Marietta, Ohio by Brother Ballard and she was laid to rest in the Bobbitt Cemetery at Gillespieville, Ohio. She will be greatly missed from our flock as she was kind and loving and was loved by all who knew her.

We have lost our precious sister, She has bid us all adieu; She has gone to live in heaven, And her form is lost from view,

Oh, that dear one, how we loved her, Oh, how hard to give her up; But an angel came down for her, And removed her from our flock.

Written by a sister,
Mrs. May Moore,
Marietta, Ohio.

Card of Thanks

To the Church of God at Arcadia, Fla.:

We wish to extend our hearty thanks to the sisters and friends who made up a collection of articles for us one Sunday in October. We greatly appreciate them and may God bless each one a hundred fold.

May God's richest blessings rest upon the entire church. Your pastor,

L. A. Ford and family.

REPORT

We have just closed a five weeks meeting here at Cuiler, Fla.

Brother J. W. Culpepper was with us a few days, and God blessed in a wonderful way. Three were sanctified, twenty-five were baptized with the Holy Ghost and eighteen followed the Lord in water baptism. Brother R. P. Johnson did the baptizing.

The saints were built up and edified and eighteen were added to the Church.

This was the most wonderful meeting I have ever witnessed. We were made to rejoice, when wave after wave of glory swept the place and the saints were shouting and dancing under the mighty power of God. Brother J. M. Baldree was in charge and the Lord blessed him in giving out the Word.

Please pray for us here that we may go on to deeper depths with Him.

Minnie Rhoden,
Glen St., Mary, Fla.

A LETTER—LOYALTY

(Printed by Request)

Dear Brothers—Greetings in Jesus' Name: I feel led to write this to the Evangel for the glory of God.

Brother J. A. Davis came by here the other day and preached to us a very edifying message on the Church. He has firmly decided to stick to the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

Brother Davis is a good shepherd and means to do right. We cannot afford to leave the Church of God for which Jesus gave Himself. I do not say this

to reflect on, or disregard any one. God will not suffer right to go down.

I am sticking to the Church of God that swept through my mental vision four years ago, and it cannot be blotted out by Satanic powers.

With love to all.

I. L. Smith,
1020 Madison St.
Bedford, Va.

NOTICE

To the Ministers and Deacons of the Church of God in Va.: I notice very few of the ministers and deacons in Virginia; are reporting to Headquarters. I can see no reason for this, as everything is moving along so well.

If you are still with us, please send in your reports.

Any members who are loyal, but whose membership is in churches that are not loyal, I wish you would please write me.

My headquarters for the work of the state will be Marion, Va.

Yours for truth and right,
H. B. Simmons, Overseer of Virginia.

Marion, Va.

MINISTERIAL LICENSE

According to an act of a previous Assembly, all evangelist license shall be renewed at the beginning of each year. I therefore call your attention to this, and request that you send in your 1923 license at once, and receive 1924 license.

Place your address on back side of your license so the secretary may know to what place to return them.

Send them direct to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary.
F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Praising God for Healing Power

To the Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise the Lord for His love and power and for what He is to me just now. Something over two years ago Jesus baptized me with the

Holy Ghost and He still abides for I can feel His mighty power. Glory to God. It is wonderful to have Jesus in our lives.

We are not living near the church, or near any Church of God people, and don't have the privilege of attending church very often; but I'm glad His power is sufficient to keep us anywhere if we will only trust Him.

Oh, how I praise Him for His healing power. My husband has been sick with fever and it seemed like at times he was going to die. People would come in and suggest giving him medicine; but he said no he didn't want any medicine. Then we sent for the saints and they came and prayed for him and God touched his body, but he was not completely healed. I then sent a handkerchief to Brother Lee to be anointed and prayed over. Before we got the handkerchief back he was at work. Praise the Lord. He had not been able to work for six weeks before he was prayed for.

Jesus said he was going to have a tried people. But He said He would never leave nor forsake us. He has healed me and my children many times. There is nothing too hard for Him for He is our burden bearer. If it was not for Jesus I don't know what I would do for He is a real friend to me and I love Him so. Pray for me that I may always stand for Jesus when the test comes.

Your unworthy sister in Christ,

Ida Walker,
R. 2, Heber Springs, Ark.

Started to Pay Tithes

Dear Brother Lee: I have started to pay tithes, seeing the light on God's Word. The amount is \$13.10 that I am leaving in your hands, with which to do as pleaseth the Lord.

I belong to the good old Church of God and wish to still obey her rules. Pray for me.

A servant for Christ,
D. J. Mathewson,
Hamlin, Ark.

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COME ON LET'S GET BUSY AT ONCE - - NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK

Some Churches are appointing special representatives in their local Church to solicit subscriptions and renewals for the Evangel and to make use of this liberal offer. This is a good plan and should be taken up by every church.

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TESTIMONIES

"YE ARE MY WITNESSES"

I am praising God for this way He laid out for one and all. I have been in this way for nearly 3 years and it does not seem like over 3 days.

Dear sinners who are far from God, please come home. Praise the Lord. I have made a full confession to God. Pray for me.

Maud Layne,
Whitwell, Tenn.

I just had to pour out my heart this morning and tell you that God is wonderfully blessing my soul. The devil has done his best to tear down and destroy the Church of God at this place, but the Lord has lifted up a standard against him, and we are still shouting the victory in Jesus. Thank God, His Word is being fulfilled in these last days. I beg the saints everywhere to pray for me, that God will keep me true and always willing for His will, not mine to be done.

Lou Guthrie,
Carbon Hill, Tenn.

I praise the Lord because I am still standing true to the Church of God. I just want to praise God for His healing power and because I have faith and patience to trust the Lord.

He has blessed and healed me many times in the last six years. I want to send this in for the glory of God and to help some one else when they are sick.

I desire an interest in your prayers, for husband, baby and myself.

Mrs. Susia Blackwood,
Tommolen, Miss.

Jesus says for us to "Strive to enter in." I am praising God that I am still striving to enter heaven.

The dear Lord has permitted affliction to come to me and I am not able to attend church very often, but I have a good time at home. Oh how I love Jesus because He first loved me. I would rather die than do anything to bring reproach on His name.

Oh I am longing for Jesus to come, when we will meet in one big congregation that will never break up. Let us all be ready when the Bridegroom comes. Pray for me.

Mrs. J. C. Keedy, Hixon, Tenn.

I want to praise my Redeemer this morning for what He is to me. One day when I was out in sin He had mercy on me and saved my soul. Bless His name.

I realize this morning that we

are living in perilous times and it will mean much for us to go through with Jesus, but I am determined to go through at any cost, by His help.

I am glad because He is my healer. I would count it a great dishonor to trust in the arm of flesh after He has suffered for my healing. Pray for me, saints, that I may ever keep hid away behind the cross and enveloped in Jesus' love and ready to meet Him when He comes.

Ethel Chaney,
Alta, Ky.

I want to praise God for so wonderfully healing me. I have been operated on three times in two years, but my side was not healed. After I received the wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost I took the Lord for my healer, and sent a handkerchief to Cleveland, Tenn. to be appointed and prayed over and I was healed. Bless His name. "By his stripes we are healed."

I want to thank the Lord for the Bible Training Course I have been taking. It has been a great help to me. Anyone who wants a better understanding of the Scriptures will do well to take it.

Mrs. H. A. Licht,
Zolfo Springs, Fla.

I praise God for victory over the adversary. My boy was very ill with flu and pneumonia and I asked him if he was saved, he said, "Yes I know I am saved." Then I asked him if he wanted to trust the Lord for his healing and he said he did, and the Lord wonderfully delivered him. Praise His name forever.

Flora E. Gee,
Tyronza, Ark.

I am praising God that I ever found a Savior, who can save and keep both soul and body.

I am hungry for a deeper experience, that I may be able to stand. Let us press on, dear saints, that no man take our crown.

I praise God for sending Brother Huskey to Gastonia, N. C., for he has been a great blessing to us. Bless His name. This has been the best week of my life.

I covet the prayers of my brothers and sisters, that I and my home may serve the Lord. Yours till He comes or calls.

Emer Hensin,
Gastonia, N. C.

much. The whole reservation is being stirred, and coming from far and near to see the manifestations of His mighty power, and are showing that they are really interested. They sit with tears in their eyes while the Lord works.

Our state overseer, Brother Attey, and his wife visited the reservation several times during the summer, and his inspiring sermons, songs and their red hot testimonies greatly encouraged all to press on, with a greater determination to stand true till Jesus comes or calls.

When September came the girls went away to school in different parts of the state. As one of the girls stood on the train platform bidding her people good-bye, she was praising the Lord, and her last words to them were "Don't be lazy Christians."

During the summer when they came to meeting, they would bring their bedding with them and stay all night. After being so blessed of the Lord it made them feel bad to separate, and for that reason they would stay all night. When the next Sunday came they were there, and are always there to meet us with their bright shining faces giving us a hearty welcome, which we appreciate and greatly enjoy. I have now before me some letters which I received from the young converts who are away in school. It is indeed very encouraging to read these letters, as they tell how the Lord is standing by them and blessing them. While the other children go to the shows, they have their prayer meetings. In one of their letters they said they had won one soul already.

They talk salvation to their friends and school mates. They also trust the Lord for their bodies, as well as their souls. Dear saints, pray for these people, that the Lord may continue to bless and have His way.

One who loves the Lord,
Marie Hudson,
Golden Valley, N. Dak.

REQUESTS

Effie Nichols, Covington, La. requests prayer, that she may stay in the center of God's will.

S. L. Evans, Statesboro, Ga. requests prayer for that place, and that she may be a real soul winner for Jesus.

Ethel Wilson, Elizabethton, Tenn., requests prayer that she may receive a clear witness that it is well with her soul, and that she may be healed of pellaagra.

Clemma Blankenship, Clearfork, W. Va., requests prayer that she may receive the Holy Ghost and also pray that she may stay humble at the cross and ever be ready to do God's will.

Walter J. Anderson, Big Lake, Minn. requests prayer that God may send them a Church of God preacher, and that they may have a revival; also that they may draw closer to God and be shining lights as only a few want the whole truth.

Biddie Taylor, Kennedy, Ala. requests prayer for Corinth Church, that there may be a great outpouring of the Spirit, and that many may be saved from sin; also pray that her husband, children, and neighbors children may be saved.

Mrs. Guy Wills, Elizabethton, Tenn. requests that all the saints earnestly pray that the Lord may raise her up and completely heal her, also pray that her mother may be strengthened. They will give God all the glory.

Just closed a three weeks meeting at Sesser, Ill. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word. Brother E. O. Sells and Brother Stanley Joplin delivered a few soul stirring messages for us. Brother W. M. Rumler of W. Va. was also with us one night and delivered a wonderful message.

There were five saved, one sanctified and one was restored to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Reports John O. Yates, pastor.

as this is a needy field, Writes Audie Lemaster.

seeth every effort and bears every earnest prayer, came forth in mighty power. Many souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost this last summer. Eleven were baptized in water and joined the Church at one time. The Lord is wonderfully blessing them. How grand and glorious it is to be with and among people who really enjoy salvation. It would do you good to see the tears run down their shining faces as they praise the Lord, and, as I heard a woman remark, even their teeth shine with the glory of God. They seem to appreciate their experience in the Lord so

there I saw my condition. I was a member of the Methodist church and did not understand the holiness doctrine. I told my brother at the time that they did not have the Holy Ghost for they did not preach the full gospel, and the signs did not follow them.

Later some people came around and preached the full gospel. I became convicted and began to seek the Lord. He came in and took up His abode in me. Praise the Lord, He is sweet to my soul.

I praise Him for His healing power. He has healed me many times since I received the Holy Ghost. I feel encouraged to trust the Lord more and more as He has been so much to me.

I feel as Paul said to the Romans. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jews first and also to the Greeks." Rom. 1:16.

I feel like going on in this grand and glorious way. Well its glory! I can't praise Him enough for His power.

Saints pray that I may stay in the center of God's will.

A brother in the Lord,
E. W. Hitchcock,
Oconee, Ga.

Five Truck Loads of Gospels Shipped to Japan

Five truck loads of Gospels printed in Japanese are being shipped today by the American Bible Society to its representatives in Japan. More than 500, 000 volumes of the Gospels have been printed in New York by photographic process to supply the unusual needs caused by the recent earthquake in Tokyo and Yokohama. Practically all of the Bible plates for 25 or more languages and dialects of the Far East were totally destroyed, together with the printing plant, at which Bibles for Japan, China, Siam and the Philippine Islands were printed. The shipment made today is the first of a series of books to be printed in this country until the Society has secured funds for the replacement of its plates and the establishment of printing processes in Japan.

Mr. Gilbert Darlington, treasurer, declared it is the largest single shipment of Scripture portions ever made by the Society.

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God Blesses When You Stand for the Right

To the Evangel Family and Saints Scattered Abroad—

Greetings: I am a member of the Church of God and also an evangelist in the Church.

When the trouble began in the Church I took a stand for Brother Tomlinson and refused to see any other way for some time; but after a careful view of the situation and much prayer to God, He has shown me that we must stand for the Word regardless of any man or person.

If at any time or place I have said or done anything against the Church and her teachings, please forgive me.

Since I have seen the right and given myself over to His will, He has wonderfully blessed my efforts and work by saving, sanctifying and filling souls with the blessed Holy Ghost. Pray that I may stay humble at His feet, be true to His Church and do His will.

Yours for lost souls,
I. J. York, Marion, Va.

He is Keeping Me Each Day

Dear saints everywhere: I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the Church of God at Olney, Ill. last Jan. 14th. He still abides. Praise the Lord. My earnest desire is to do the will of the Lord.

I praise God for His healing power. I am trusting Him for both soul and body, and have been ever since before I was sanctified. Our little three year old girl was bitten by a dog last Saturday and has a serious looking wound on her face, but

I went to God in prayer and the pain left and it has never been sore or pained her since. Praise God; He can do all things, if we only have faith in Him. He tells us in James 5:14-15, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the Church; and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him." I believe every word in the Bible.

There are only three of us here who have the Holy Ghost. We have many trials and tests but God said His grace was sufficient. We have to go twelve miles to church so do not get to go as often as we wish, but God can keep us faithful just the same as if we lived nearer. We have prayer meetings in the homes and the Lord meets with us and gives us great blessings.

I praise God because He added me to the Church of God, "The pillar and ground of the truth". He is keeping me each day under the blood. I have asked God for a double portion of His Spirit, to take me through the trials and temptations in these last days.

This is the time of the great falling away and it will be hard to stand, for even some of the very elect are being deceived. So pray for me that I may stay humble, let my light shine and win souls for Jesus.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Gaylon Reynolds,
West Salem, Ill.

State Overseers

Appointment of State Overseers for the ensuing Assembly Year Are As Follows:

Alabama,	G. C. Duffin
Arizona,	J. A. Brown
Arkansas,	E. C. Scarbrough
Bahamas,	M. Padgett
California,	J. A. Brown
Colorado,	O. R. Rouse
Florida,	John L. Stephens
Georgia,	S. W. Latimer
Illinois,	W. G. Rembert
Indiana,	W. G. Rembert
Kansas,	John Burk
Kentucky,	G. A. Fore
Louisiana,	T. A. Richard
Maryland,	H. W. Potat
Michigan,	E. Haynes
Mississippi,	Z. D. Simpson
Minnesota,	Paul Walker
Missouri,	John Burk
New Mexico,	O. R. Rouse
North Carolina,	T. L. McLain
North Dakota,	Paul Walker
Ohio,	D. P. Barnett
Oklahoma,	J. M. Viney
Pennsylvania,	H. W. Potat
South Carolina,	J. W. Culpepper
Tennessee,	M. W. Letsinger
Texas,	H. N. Scoggins
Virginia,	H. B. Simmons
West Virginia,	E. L. Simmons
Overseer Colored Work,	David La Fleur.

Addresses will be given later.

God Answers Prayer

Dear Saints—Greetings: I want to praise my blessed Savior for sparing me to live with my family and making me able to bear my suffering and troubles.

God in His wisdom saw best and took my sweet little twins to dwell with Him. They knew not what sin was. It was sad to give them up but they are sweet little angels in heaven, and its dear to know mother will meet them on that great day.

I have prayed many times to be spared to live with my family. One night while my family was all sweetly sleeping and taking their rest; not knowing the heartaches and sadness that had stole over me and taken my rest, a beautiful light appeared to me. I did not exactly understand it but as I had prayed so earnestly for God to spare my life I took it as an assurance that He had heard my prayers, and was going to answer them and spare my life. I feel like my weak and humble prayers have saved me from death.

I am the only one at this place that belongs to the Church of God. I feel the need of more faith and love.

Dear saints, all who read this

pray for me to be stronger in faith and that my health will be restored.

A sad mother,
Mrs. Lillie B. Hood,
Baldwyn, Miss.

MONDAY OF THE ASSEMBLY

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told of the customs and practices of the country. He told of how he and his wife lived on mush made of yellow meal and water, and walked for miles and distributed tracts, etc. He said many took care to see that their local preacher was cared for but he thought the missionaries should receive the same support. We were all ashamed of our neglect of our missionaries and felt inspired to do better. Many hearts were touched, and quickly the people began to subscribe to their support until \$50.00 each month was pledged for the support of two of the native missionaries who are in South America. Brother J. B. Ellis took the stand and gave a fine talk which aroused every soul. He said if we would only deny ourselves of ice cream, candy, face powder, etc., we could easily support the missionaries and he, for one, meant to deny himself more in the future. He got many hearty "Amen's!" and a general applause.

India's needs were mentioned and Brother R. J. Bennett, a missionary who labored there for nine years and has just lately been added to the Church of God, spoke at length (on a previous day) of India's customs and conditions. Oh these dark benighted countries. How they need the gospel of the Church of God, and I for one (for the moment) felt like rushing off at break neck speed to tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save. One brother from Arkansas, was so moved he said he was going home and sell his home and put the proceeds in the mission fund. One dear woman from Ohio, who has recently come into our ranks, told of her former pomp and finery and said she only had one of four large diamonds left, but she was going to sell it and put some boys through the Bible School with the money, and asked Brother Ellis, the teacher to select the boys, educate them and send them out equipped to tell of Jesus to those people who bow to stone or wooden gods.

Brother Efford Haynes and Brother Cross spoke enthusiastically of Sister Jennie B. Rushin's great need of an auto to carry this wonderful gospel to the lost in China. The Church of God at Detroit, Mich. had at a sacrifice pledged \$200.00 on it. There were many hearty responses to this need, and we feel sure she will have this need supplied.

Next a colored Brother gave a talk, and told of how people gathered at the river to kill the white preacher and himself as he was baptized, and how God delivered, as the Word was read. He sang a song entitled "Some Day" and was applauded loudly.

Brother Lemons next introduced the subject of an orphan's home for colored children, and I am sure it will be a reality in the near future. Brother E. C. Smith gave the closing address for the day. Subject, "Positions of Honor." It was very much enjoyed.

For the evening service Brother D. P. Barnett brought a rich message, which was creamy and nourishing. He spoke of the Church and her mysteries and used the relation of husband and wife as an illustration. It was intensely interesting.

Many good things could be said, but I will close my lengthy article. I could write for weeks and not tell all. Oh this blessed good time. How I praise God, and thank the dear ones in California who made it possible through their sacrifice for me to attend. But I feel amply repaid as we secured a good man to oversee California, and you will hear from us again.

Long live the memory of the Eighteenth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God, and in conclusion help me say,—"Hurrah for California!"

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

We began a meeting about eight miles north of Headrick, Okla. the second Sunday in September and continued for three weeks. Brother Nelson was in charge of the meeting, assisted by his wife and a sister from Crescent, Okla. There were fifteen saved, five sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. The Lord was with Brother Nelson in giving out the Word. We dearly love them, and the Lord being our helper, we hope to have them with us again soon. Pray much for us

as this is a needy field, Writes Audie Lemaster.

Just closed a three weeks meeting at Sesser, Ill. The Lord blessed in giving out the Word. Brother E. O. Sells and Brother Stanley Joplin delivered a few soul stirring messages for us. Brother W. M. Rumler of W. Va. was also with us one night and delivered a wonderful message.

There were five saved, one sanctified and one was restored to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Reports John O. Yates, pastor.

Report of Work on the Indian Reservation

I have been very much interested in Sister Rushin's pieces to the Evangel about the people in China, and missionary work.

I thought perhaps the Evangel readers would be interested and anxious to hear what the Lord has been doing for the Indians in North Dakota, one of our home states.

Brother Merrifield, our pastor for the Indian Reservation, has labored earnestly for about two years with seemingly but little results; but the Father who

seeth every effort and bears every earnest prayer, came forth in mighty power. Many souls were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost this last summer. Eleven were baptized in water and joined the Church at one time. The Lord is wonderfully blessing them. How grand and glorious it is to be with and among people who really enjoy salvation. It would do you good to see the tears run down their shining faces as they praise the Lord, and, as I heard a woman remark, even their teeth shine with the glory of God. They seem to appreciate their experience in the Lord so

much. The whole reservation is being stirred, and coming from far and near to see the manifestations of His mighty power, and are showing that they are really interested. They sit with tears in their eyes while the Lord works.

Our state overseer, Brother Attey, and his wife visited the reservation several times during the summer, and his inspiring sermons, songs and their red hot testimonies greatly encouraged all to press on, with a greater determination to stand true till Jesus comes or calls.

When September came the girls went away to school in different parts of the state. As one of the girls stood on the train platform bidding her people good-bye, she was praising the Lord, and her last words to them were "Don't be lazy Christians."

Search the Scriptures

Dear Saints Scattered Abroad: I am still praising God this morning for Jesus and His wonderful love. He has saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance.

I read in John 5:39 where Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." I began to search my Bible and

there I saw my condition. I was a member of the Methodist church and did not understand the holiness doctrine. I told my brother at the time that they did not have the Holy Ghost for they did not preach the full gospel, and the signs did not follow them.

Later some people came around and preached the full gospel. I became convicted and began to seek the Lord. He came in and took up His abode in me. Praise the Lord, He is sweet to my soul.

I praise Him for His healing power. He has healed me many times since I received the Holy Ghost. I feel encouraged to trust the Lord more and more as He has been so much to me.

I feel as Paul said to the Romans. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jews first and also to the Greeks." Rom. 1:16.

I feel like going on in this grand and glorious way. Well its glory! I can't praise Him enough for His power.

Saints pray that I may stay in the center of God's will.

A brother in the Lord,

E. W. Hitchcock,

Oconee, Ga.